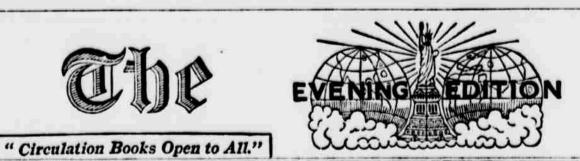
LAWYER BURIED IN STORM; HEART-WIFE SEES FUNERAL

Defiant Phone Trust Head Backs Down and Testifies

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Union N. Bethell Backs Down When the Commission Issues a Writ.

EVASIVE IN ANSWERS.

Insists He Is Unable to Tell About City Profits of the Monopoly.

After long dodging and evading. Union N Bethell. President of te New York Telephone Company, appeared before the Up-State Public Service Commission this afternoon under pressure of a subpoena.

The subpoena was not served because when the process server camped in the Telephone Building Mr. Bethell announced that he would voluntarily

Unable to get any information from reports or from the company's chief lawyer. Jonn L. Swayze, as to the company's capital investment and annual profits from New 'ork City investments. the commission sought President Bethell to get the figures from him.

After being sworn as a witness President Bethell was examined by M. H. Winkler, principal petitioner for reduction of rates, who produced a statement submitted by Mr. Bethell in a previous tase of the company's investment in New York City in 1910.

Mr. Bethell evaded assuming resp sibility for the figures, saying that he elieved they were approximate figures compiled by engineers and account-

UNABLE TO TELL EXPENSES FOR LAST YEAR.

"Now then." said Mr. Winkler, "havtell what is the amount of money you have expended as of Dec. 31, 1912"

stood rates were to be fixed on a lasis gether, we have not kept our accounts a sentimental interest. or separate communities.

Q. Is there any way which you could obtain the amount? A. Possibly through Tork City. It is impossible to deal with of friendly co-operation with the then the city of New York alone, because of mature Irish patriot, John Mitchel. its relations with other companies of the

BROOKLYN SCHOOL GIRL KILLED BY SHORT FALL

Leaves Graduating Classroom and Falls Down Four Steps, Breaking Skull.

Fifteen-year-old Frances Humphries, Brooklyn, and attended Public School will meet in the private office at high No. 75 in Pacific street, near Court, noon and then walk across the corridor left her classroom, that of the graduating class, shortly after 1 o'clock to- invited guests will be assembled. There day to go downstairs to Principal F. F. will be a few words of parting from Crooker's office. She slipped on the the outgoing Mayor. Mayor Mitchel steps at the ground floor and fell four will then have something to say, after

ateps to the stone pavement.

Miss Geraldine O'Brica, Mr. Crooker's in a cabinet. After the ceremonies the secretary, w. a passing and called the principal He carried the little girl into office will be open to every one. office and summoned Dr. Carter from the Holy 'a: illy Hospital.

The doctor found the girl alive but fainting spell caused her fall.

SUNDAY WORLD WANTS WORK MONDAY WONDERS.

PHONE TRUST'S HEAD FORCED TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION



Mayor-Elect Is Grandson of Justice's Companion in Arms in Ireland's Cause.

Q. Why? A. Because we treat all the oath of office to-night or to-morrow House officials, the bill became law, the Willard, the crew of the tug lend-State of New York and part of New preparatory to assuming the duties of although it actually will not become ing considerable assistance. When the Jersey as a unit, and having under- the Chief Executive of the city on of the entire State and believing that January 1. The oath will be adinces is best served by operating all ministered by Justice of the Supreme measure. The Comptroller of the Curthe cities throughout the State to- Court Goff and the ceremony will have

In the days of his young manhood, when he was an ardent and powerful t show the actual investment in New Ireland, John W. Goff was on terms one with other companies of the The Mayor-Elect is a grandson of Senator Williams, Democrat, and was The property in New York John Mitchel and Justice Goff is natured to the Banking Committee, where City, in my judgment, is worth vastly ally interested in the career of the it will be taken up after the holiday grandson of his old friend and associate recess.

> in of the new Mayor of New York and the official departure of the present Mayor will take place at about noon on New Year's day in the public reception room in the west wing of the City Hall. Four years ago the ceremonies were free to the public. As a result the corridors and reception rooms of the City Hall were overrun with people and the police were unable to keep order. Because of the limited space of the reception room, it will not be advisable to

> issue more than 26 invitations. Mayor Kline and Mayor-elect Mitchel to the public recept on room. There the

To Appraise Morgan Estate. he doctor found the girl alive but Surrogate Consian to-day designated papers that give authority to the Cordel of the transfer oners from Jan. 1. One copy is filed in had been fractured. It is believed a tax appraisers, to appraise the estate of the late John Pierpont Morgan. The appointment of Mr. Martin was made after Lewis Cass Ledyard, one of the executors of the Morkan estate, had ap-plied to the Surrogate asking that an

BECOMES LAW; WILSON SIGNS IT

President Acts on Measure After Passage by the Senate by Vote of 43 to 25.

House See Executive Use Two Gold Pens in Signing.

Wilson this evening signed the Currency

Glass, co-authors of the Currency bill; Banks, was run down and cut in two the wife of Donald H. McCloskey, then vembers of the Congressional Banking

ours of what at times was acrimonious chate, in which Republicans assailed

Three Republicans and Senator Poin xter. Progressive, joined the Den.o-

As the House already had approved President Marshall and Speaker Clark The Senate finally adjourned at 3.58 together tenaclously.

LAW EFFECTIVE WHEN NEW hung on to the Willard, the little steam-SYSTEM IS ORGANIZED.

Mayor-Elect Mitchel will take the o'clock to-night, the hour set by White aboard the Seneca in getting aboard effective until the new system has last man from the seneca was aboard SAID WOMAN'S NAME DROVE Must Not Let Private Affairs been organized by a committee of Government officials designated by the the signal to back away and as the rency is one of these. That office is now vacant, and one of the first steps in putting the new system into force will be the appointment of a Comp-President Wilson is expected

to select a man soon. A bill for the guarantee of bank deposits, a feature eliminated from the bill, was introduced immediately by

Immediately after the final passage of the Currency bill the Senate adopt-The ceremonies attending the coming of the resolution for recess until Jan. 12, thus cleating the way for the

mastide recess at 3.11 P. M. The bill entered the last stage of its passay when the Senate met at 10 A. M. to-day to take up the conference report, which already had been det yed wenty-four hours by difficulties in the

Backed by the overwhelming Democratic majority of the House, the bill was sent to the Senate and passed according to the programme of the Democratic leaders. The measure was passed by the House

last night by a vote of 298 to 60.

The two newly elected Coroners for the County of the Bronx, Jerome Healy | glar boat with fishermen. and William J. Plynn, were sworn in be Court in Manhattan to-day. Justice Cohaian then signed three copies of th oners from Jan. 1. One copy is filed in the office of the County Clerk of New York County, another in the City Clerk's office in New York County and the third copy is placed on file in the office

26 ARE RESCUED ON TUG THAT SANK RIVER STEAMBOAT

Seneca Under Water Five Minutes After Steel Bow of Willard Pierced Her.

Starting on Fishing Trip From Hoboken Pier.

bill in the presence of a notable gather- harbor for more than a quarter of a Gayley, Vice-President of the United committees and leaders in Congress day. She sank in less than five min- gerich's court to-day when a decree

The Seneca was owned by Michael and Nicholas Blasius of No. 1221 Washing-ton street, Hoboken, and Hans Lund of No. 324 Forty-eighth atrest, Brooklyn, was her skipper. She was used in the business of taking fishermen outside Sandy Hook for a day's outing, and there were about a score of hardy enthusiasts on board when Capt. Lund sounded his whistie to warn navigation Hoboken, to-day.

The river was crowded with craft just at that time and a slight fog hung over the water. The Seneca had just about to head her down the river when the big Baitimore and Ohio tug Danie Willard, built entirely of steel and with a high, sharp prow came along at full STEEL BOW DIGS

The Willard went through the poor

For about four minutes the Seneca boat piled up in wreckage on the bow With the President's signature at & of the tug. No time was lost by those the Willard the captain of the tug gave Willard pulled her nose out of the bat- woman of a statuesque blond type, was tered tangle of steel and wood that had been the Seneca the old steamboat of their romantic marriage four years went down to the bottom, leaving a ago and of her gradual mistrust of Me-great cloud of steam hanging over the Closkey's affections. Her suspicions river.

Men and boys put out in rowboats celved telephone messages at her hom and power boats from Jersey City and from Miss Horton. set them ashore.

taken to set an investigation on foot. thets. When I mentioned this woman's It is claimed by those aboard the Sen- name he flew into a rage." eca that the big tugboat was hidden "Did you ever speak to this w from the view of the captain of the about her relations with your juttle steamer by the pier and did not pay any attention to the warning Closkey's attorney.

SENECA FORMERLY OWNED BY J. P. MORGAN.

yacht and was the first yacht owned by J. Pierpont Morgan. She was 150 me. She won him exmpletely." feet long. Mr. Morgan sold the yach many years ago and in 1897 one drifted recently?" into the control of "Dynamite Johnny" O'Brien, the noted fillbuster. She was O'Brien, he noted in the hazardous trade up State, asking me to meet thin its and the proceedings of inquiry into the reported of taking arms and ammunition to Allmany Club. When I last met this "sinking down" of up-State contractors of taking arms and ammunition to Alimony Club. When I last met this Cuba for the revolutionists.

After the Spanish-American war the Seneca was bought by the Blasius brothers and they put her in the fish-ing banks trade. She was capable of eignteen miles an hour and was a pop-

SAILING TO-DAY.

WIFE SAYS RIVAL USES HER MOTOR; WINS SEPARATION

Romance That Began in Steel Trust Ends in Supreme Court.

MAKES IT CEREMONY, SCRAMBLE TO ESCAPE, ALIMONY IS GRANTED

Congress Leaders at White Old Steamboat Was Just Mrs. McCloskey Swears Miss Horton Phoned of Husband's Love for Her.

> had been a familiar figure in New York which builded in the office of James century and had conveyed many thou- States Steel Corporation, and blossomed sands of fishermen to and from the when the office beauty, Lillian, became by a steel tug in the North River to- a clerk, was written in Justice Gleutes, her twenty passengers and crew was entered separating the couple. Junof six scrambling aboard the tug in tice Glegerich awarded Mrs. McCloskey

McCloskey is now president of the Moto-Bloc Import Comthe business that made him rich. He did not defend her suit. Mrs. McCloskey since their separation, on April 1, 1913 whom she charges with wrecking her Miss Horton rides about town, Mrs. McCloskey swore, in one of her husband's three autos. The McCloskey formerly lived at No. 749 Riversite

he was obliged to leave home because to complete the measure for Freedent old Seneca like a knife through a piece Johnson and his wife and Assistant Wilson's signature. These were soon of cheese. More than half way in dug District-Attorney Frederick J. Grochi affixed and the bill sent to the White the steel bow of the tug, but the stout and his wife were at these parties, as timbers of the old steamboat hung were other persons of official and social

prominence.

McCloskey also told of witnessing several tango parties in his wife's which he said he saw his wife kiss M: characterized as a "dastardly lie

HIM INTO A RAGE. Mrs. McCloskey, a tall, handsom the only witness sworn to-day. She told

deck fittings of the Seneca while the left me on April 1, saving he was go. sloner started several weks ago. Willard conveyed the captain and crew ing to Miss Horton's," testified Mrs. The Governor wants action. and the passengers back to Pier 17 and McCloskey. "She is the cause of my owner of the steamboat and steps were good life he retorted with abusive epi-

> "Did you ever speak to this woman band?" asked Maurice Moyer, Mrs. Mc "Yes; she telephoned to me and

abused me and I have gone down to meet her at daybreak in restaurants. The Seneca was originally a steam fearing that she had some scheme on foot to trap him and take him from "Have you heard from your hus sand

> up State, asking me to meet him in New day with emphasis that the John Doe woman she told me my husband bought woman she told me my husband bought we will keep plugging straight her diamonds and was giving her file ahead, he said, and any one, no mat-

TWO MORE U.S. WARSHIPS

Cristobal 1 P. M. anchored outside the harmon won In reply to the inquiry wherean in reference to the controversy between the leave at once for the United flav Glynn and himself. Mr. Whitman to Bernuda, the Fanama Cara, West Indies South America and the Mediterranean. Hound the World Tours, Reservations figures and descriptive matter of all the lines at THE WORLD TRAFEL BUREAU Arcade, Pulliar (World) Building, all Bureau Arts.

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WOMAN SECRETED IN OFFICE SAYS ROW KILLED LAWYER

WINS A SEPARATION BECAUSE HER RIVAL USES HER MOTOR CAR.



MRS D.H MCCLOSKEY.

GLYNN TO OSBORNE: GET OFF THE JOB!

Stand in Way of Highway Graft Inquiry.

ALBANY, Dec. 23 .- "Osborne must in vestigate or vacate," Gov. Glynn said to-day in discussing the status of the "He packed up his belongings and graft investigation the special commis-The Governor wants action. He will broken home. When I remonstrated have been. These have been due, in the Capt. Lund reported at once to the with Donald and begged him to lead a main, to the interference of Osnorne's private law practice.

> or vacate either by his own volition or my persuasion," was the exact maner in which the Governor framed his declaration

> what he said would be his final state ment regarding the Whitman case. promised to answer some of the New statements regarding his alleged effort to obtain an appointment as Special Deputy Attorney-General and then drop the controversy

District-Attorney Whitman denied to

a month, besides the use of my car and ter who it is, who has committed any chauffeur." VERA VRUZ, Mexico, Dec. 21.-The Tract." It is understood that the State Water

"I have nothing more to say. I think the matter has been pretty well atraigntened out."

Killed Him and I Loved Him," Wails Affinity of Melvin H. Couch, Who Was Discovered in Rooms of Ex-Prosecutor After His Sudden Death.

TELLS OF A QUARREL JUST BEFORE TRAGEDY.

Excitement Caused Death of Man She Loved—Says She Is Sorry for the Widow and Children of Man Who Led a Double Life.

WHAT THE WOMAN SAYS: Don't Imagine I Was Unhappy. I Revelled in the Great Love of My Life. I Would Have Worn Chains for Mel.

One Night I Walked to His Home. Through the Window I Saw His Wife and Children Chatting and Laughing. Then I Came Back to the Office I Called My Home.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.) MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Despite the almost frantic efforts of the officials of Sullivan County to keep the facts surrounding the death of Melvin H. Couch, former District-Attorney, politician and lawyer, secret, it was discovered to-day that Couch expired in the arms of Adelaids M. Branch, the woman he had kept secluded behind a partition in his law

The funeral of Couch took place this afternoon in a driving snowstorm, which almost approached a blizzard. Brief services were held at he home in Broadway by the Rev. A. J. Waugh of the First

Miss Branch was given a hearing in her cell this afternoon. The misdemeanor charge against her was dismissed. The Sheriff said she would be kept in custody until to-night, when she will be smuggled out of town.

Miss Branch to-day told the entire story of the passing of Couch. As had long been his custom, except on Sunday, the crippled lawyer slept in the office last Saturday night. Toward early morning Miss Branch told him that she was going to Goshen, N. Y., where she formerly boarded with a Mrs. Susan M. Ostram, to spend the Christmas holidays. Couch wanted her to remain in the walled off room where she passed her days reading French novels, her only recreation. Besides that Couch had a lot of correspondence that he wanted her to attend to as was her wont after the business of the day had concluded and she was free from interruption.

The pair had a violent quarrel which, however, was adjusted by Miss Branch consenting to remain. Couch was fondling his recluse companion when she suddenly heard him give what she described to District-Attorney George L. Cook as a gurgling sound. He fell back with a groan on the couch.

"I had seen people die before," was the way she described it, "and I knew that Melvin was dying. I ran for Dr. Curiette, his brother-in-law, of whom I had often heard him speak. But when we got back he was dead. The doctor said that he had died of a rupture of the ascending aorti of the heart induced by the excitement of our quarrel."

WOMAN COMPANION BECAME FRANTIC.

At the time of Couch's death when the room was filled with officials and Miss Branch made her dramatic appearance from behind a secret door, she burst into frantic protestations that she had been the cause of Couch's death. It was this fact as much as anything else that led to her being held while his death was investigated, although Mrs. Couch. the gray-haired matronly wife of the dead man, insisted that a charge of petit larceny be lodged against her. "I killed him! I killed him!" Miss Branch protested insistently:

I loved him and I killed him. I can never forgive myself!" Her condition was bordering on frenzy and after she had been taken to the county jail, oplates were administered and she fell into a drugged

Mrs. Dunn said to-day that Miss Branch mouned continuously through the night and continued to reproach herself bitterly for the quarrel that

O MORE U.S. WARSHIPS

ARRIVE AT VERA CRUZ.

July antiques to day its deliberations of his double life.

The officials in charge of the case persisted to-day in their extraordinary attitude in the matter and although forty-eight hours have passed

since the woman was arrested she has not yet had a hearing on the misdemeanor charge lodged against her. The sheriff motored over to the funeral of a friend this morning. District-Attorney Cook did not know what would be done with the case, he said, and every one else connected with the matter was equally uncertain as to the future procedure in re-

"Miss Branch is a splendid woman," said Sheriff Kinney, who has bee furnishing delicacies to Miss Branch from his own home. "I am despity